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TITLE: CURL SPRING SHOE BASED WINDOW BALANCE SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 24 MAY 1994**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (AMENDED) The balance system of claim 1 wherein each of the shoes [has a plurality of the containment regions for receiving] is biased upward by a plurality of curl springs.

To meet the requirements of PTO Form-948, as part of this Office Action, the formal drawings for FIGS. 22-25 of this application are being submitted to the Official Draftsman simultaneously with this response.

**REMARKS**

Except for claim 7, all the other claims in the application have been allowed. The problem with claim 7 is ambiguity as to whether piggyback or companion carriers having additional curl spring containment regions come within the meaning of the term "shoes". A combination of shoe and companion carrier can properly be referred to collectively as a "shoe".